

STEEL BRIDGE PRESERVATION: BUILD TO LAST

5/15/2024 | WEBINAR

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WELCOME TO INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK 2023

The webinar is accredited by AIA & RCEP to provide 1.0 PDHs / LUs
(qualifies for an HSW credit for AIA)

- Please use the “Q & A” button to ask questions during the event.
- Dustin Young (AISI/SSSBA), Jeff Cunningham (AGA) & Brandon Jones (AGA) will answer questions online
- We will also answer questions “live” at the end of the webinar.

AGA will email a copy of the slide deck to all attendees within 2 business days of the event.

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SHORT SPAN STEEL BRIDGE ALLIANCE – WHO WE ARE

A group of bridge and buried soil structure industry leaders who have joined together to provide educational information on the design and construction of short span steel bridges in installations up to 140 feet in length.

Rolled Beam & Plate Girder



Buried Bridges



Truss



**SHORT SPAN STEEL
BRIDGE ALLIANCE™**

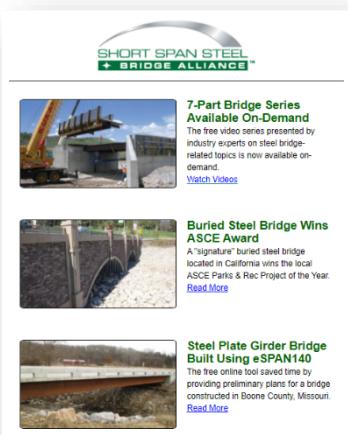
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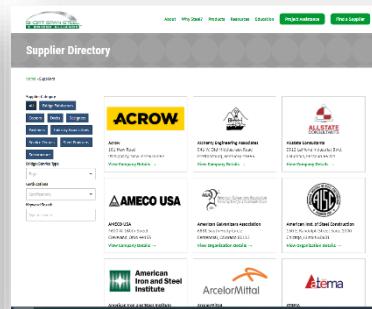
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Protecting Steel for a Sustainable Future

5 WAYS TO KEEP LEARNING ABOUT STEEL BRIDGES

1. Subscribe to the Weekly Newsletter



2. Find a Supplier



3. Design a Bridge in 5-Minutes



4. Receive Free Project Assistance



5. Schedule a Workshop/Webinar



Free Customized Workshops for Counties, DOTs, and Design Firms

Topics: Education, Events, Professional, Recommended

Short span bridges provide vital links in the nation's infrastructure network. Yet, nearly a quarter of these bridges are classified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

According to ASCE, more than 50% of existing bridges have exceeded their 50-year design life. This situation presents a significant challenge for cash-strapped state and local governments.

The SSSBA has developed technological and design innovations for bridges under 140 feet that save significant time and costs for county and state bridge officials.

Over the past 10+ years, over 17,000 bridge owners and designers have learned about the cost and time advantages of short span steel bridges in SSSBA workshops and conferences throughout North America.

And now, the SSSBA is offering complimentary customized educational guest speakers/webinars and workshops (on-site or virtual) specifically for county engineers, state DOTs, and design firms. The webinars/workshops are taught by industry experts with decades of experience in the cost-effective design and construction of short span bridges.

The workshops can be set up as:

- 1-2 hour webinar on a specific topic (can be used as a "guest speaker" for your event)
- 3-4 hour (half-day) workshop to provide practical information on the safe and cost-effective design, detail, fabrication and installation of short span steel bridges
- 6 hour (full-day) session to provide an in-depth overview of short span steel bridges.

[View Sample Agenda](#)

Suggested topics to select from include:

- Practical and Cost-Effective Steel Bridge Design
- Free Design Tools (eSPAN140 and SIMON)
- Pre-engineered Bridge Solutions
- Coating Solutions (galvanized, painted, and weathering steel)
- Innovative/Accelerated Bridge Construction Options
- Case Studies (from local counties)
- Buried Soil Steel Bridge Structure Alternatives
- Life-Cycle Analysis

For more information or to customize a workshop for your organization, please contact:

- Dan Snyder (Director of the SSSBA) at dsnyder@steel.org or 301-367-6179.
- Michael Barker (University of Wyoming & SSSBA Director of Education) at bkarker@uwyo.edu

www.ShortSpanSteelBridges.org

Questions? Dan Snyder, Director, SSSBA, dsnyder@steel.org



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ABOUT THE AMERICAN GALVANIZERS ASSOCIATION (AGA)

- Non-profit trade association established in 1933
 - Serves as a *unified voice* and provides *expertise* in the after fabrication hot-dip galvanizing industry
 - Provides technical support on innovative application and technological developments in hot-dip galvanizing for corrosion protection
 - Free assistance for North American specifiers
 - Resource for our members

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Upon seminar completion, you will be able to:
 - Learn how bridge durability systems plays a critical role in protecting our nation's infrastructure
 - Identify reasons specifiers choose corrosion protection systems based on durability, availability, versatility, sustainability, and aesthetics
 - Recognize the sustainable aspects of bridge durability systems by analyzing the environmental, social and economic impacts of use from production through end-of-life.
 - Understand the benefits various bridge durability systems backed by research

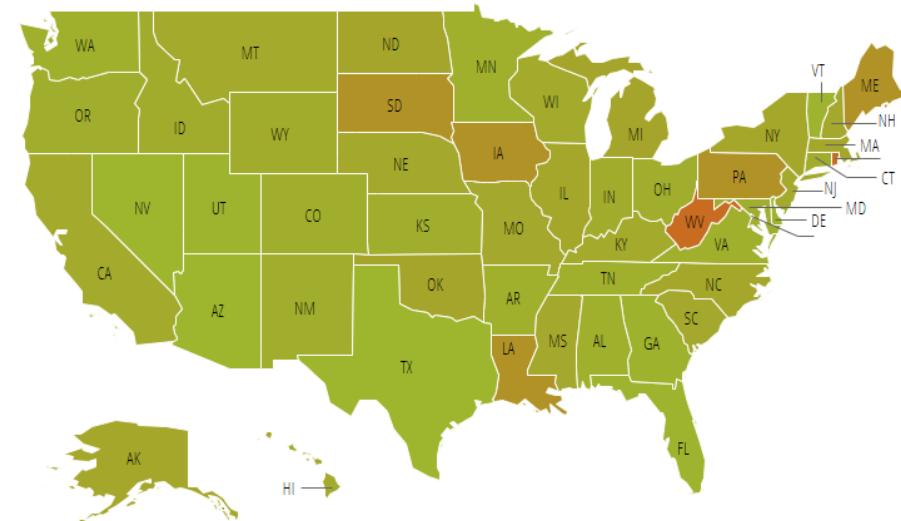


THE CURRENT STATE OF THE BRIDGE MARKET

CURRENT STATE OF OUR BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ In 2021, ASCE Infrastructure Report Card graded Bridges as a C
- ▶ U.S. has 617,000 bridges
 - ▶ 42% are 50+ years old
 - ▶ 7.5% (46,154) are structurally deficient
- ▶ Most bridges designed for 50-year life
 - ▶ Approximately half are at or near this lifespan
- ▶ Funding/Focus have been prioritized
 - ▶ Still insufficient to meet the demands of the current state of bridge infrastructure

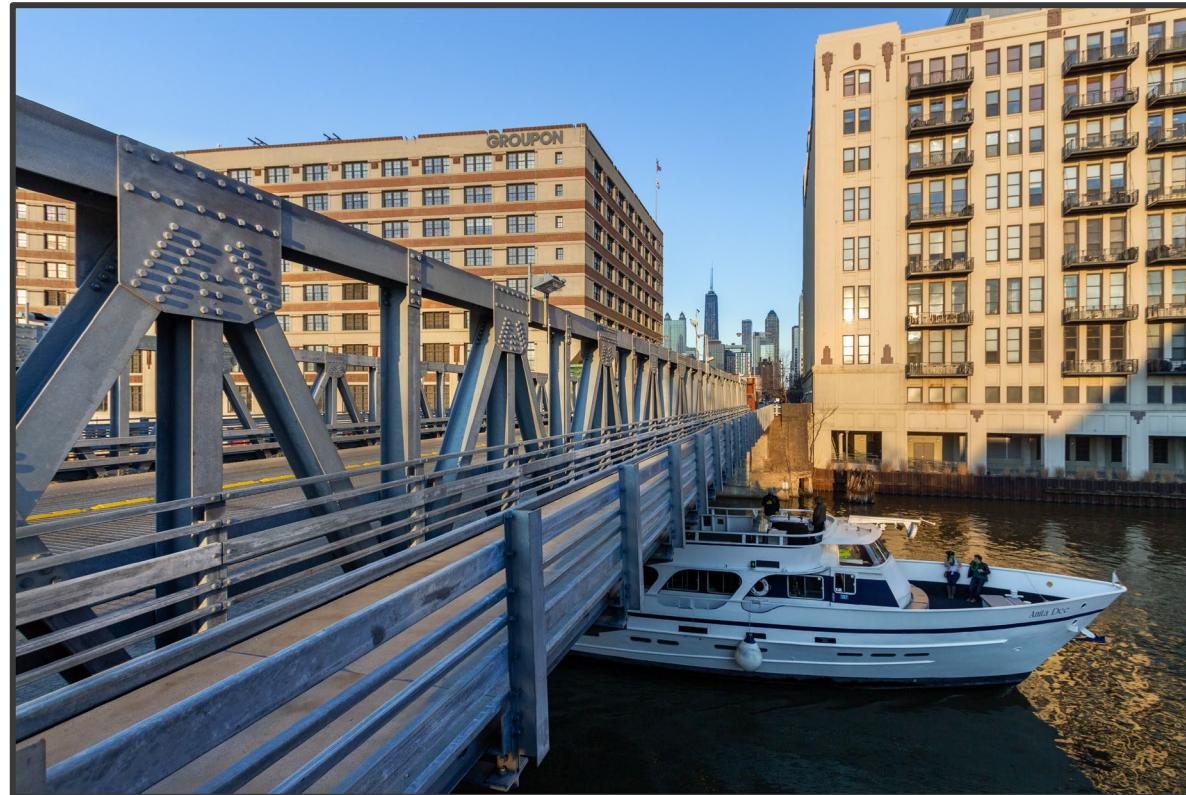
Percentage of Structurally Deficient Bridges per State



Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, InfoBridge; Data: <https://infobridge.fhwa.dot.gov/Data/Dashboard>



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

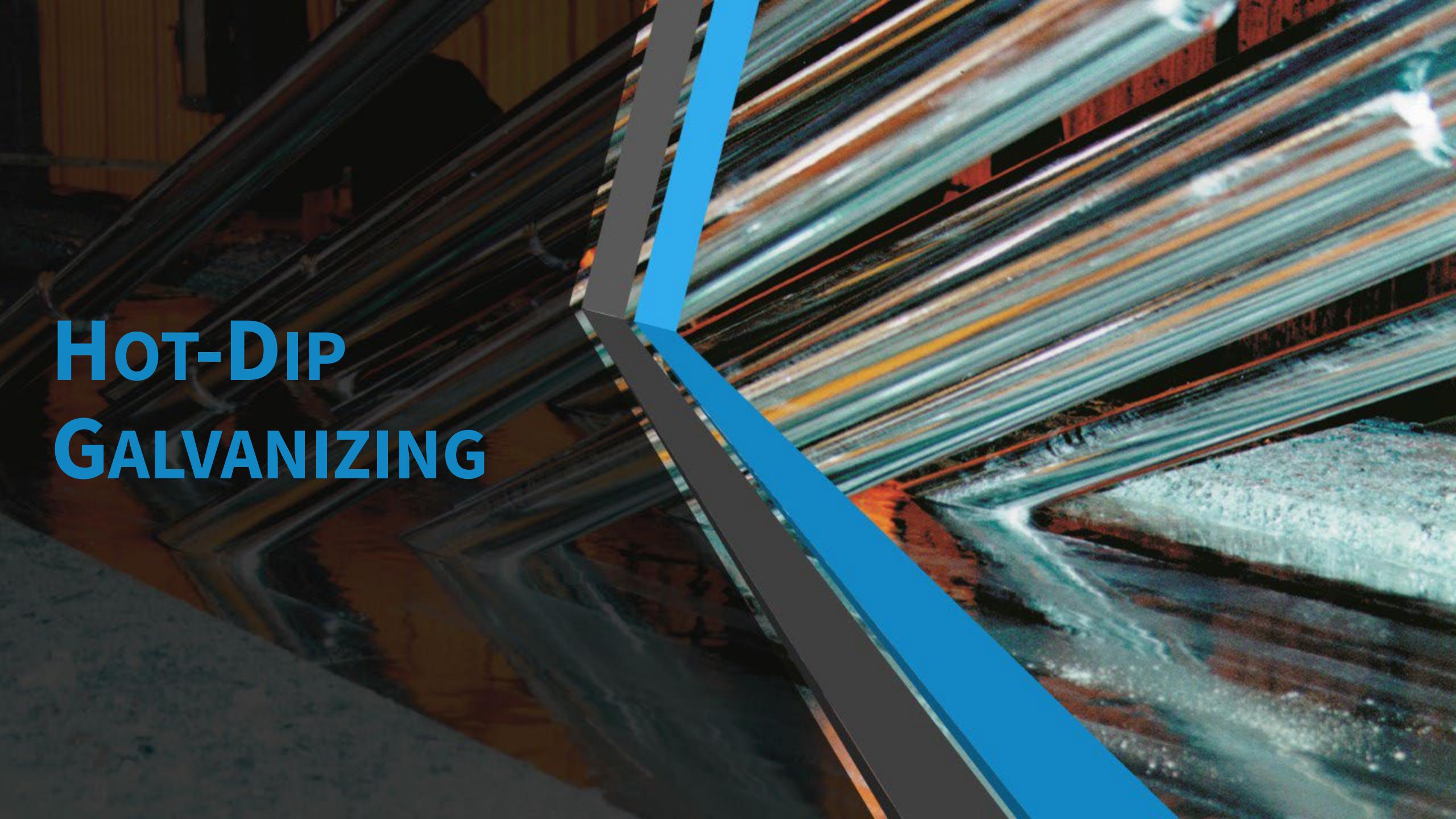


- ▶ Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
 - ▶ \$1.2 Trillion investment
- ▶ Funding Highlights
 - ▶ \$110 B – Roads & Bridges (\$40 B - bridge replacement, repair, rehab)
 - ▶ \$73 B – Electric Grid & Power Infrastructure
 - ▶ \$66 B – Passenger/Freight Rail + \$39 B – Transit
 - ▶ \$65 B – Broadband Investment
 - ▶ \$55 B – Water Systems + \$50 B – Water Storage
 - ▶ \$25 B – Airports
 - ▶ \$17 B – Ports/Waterways
 - ▶ \$11 B – Road Safety

STEEL BRIDGE DURABILITY SYSTEMS

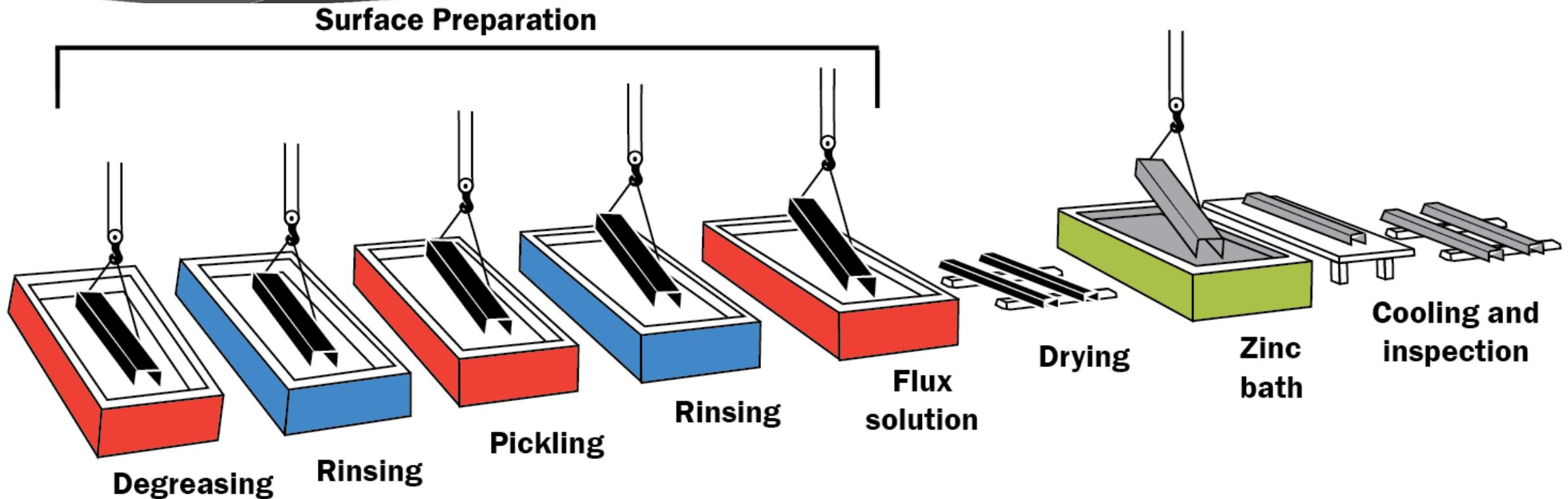
- ▶ Hot-Dip Galvanized Steel
- ▶ Weathering Steel
- ▶ Protective Coating System
 - ▶ Paint/Powder Coatings
- ▶ Thermal Spray Metallizing (TSZ)
- ▶ Duplex Systems
 - ▶ HDG + Protective Coating
 - ▶ TSZ + Protective Coating



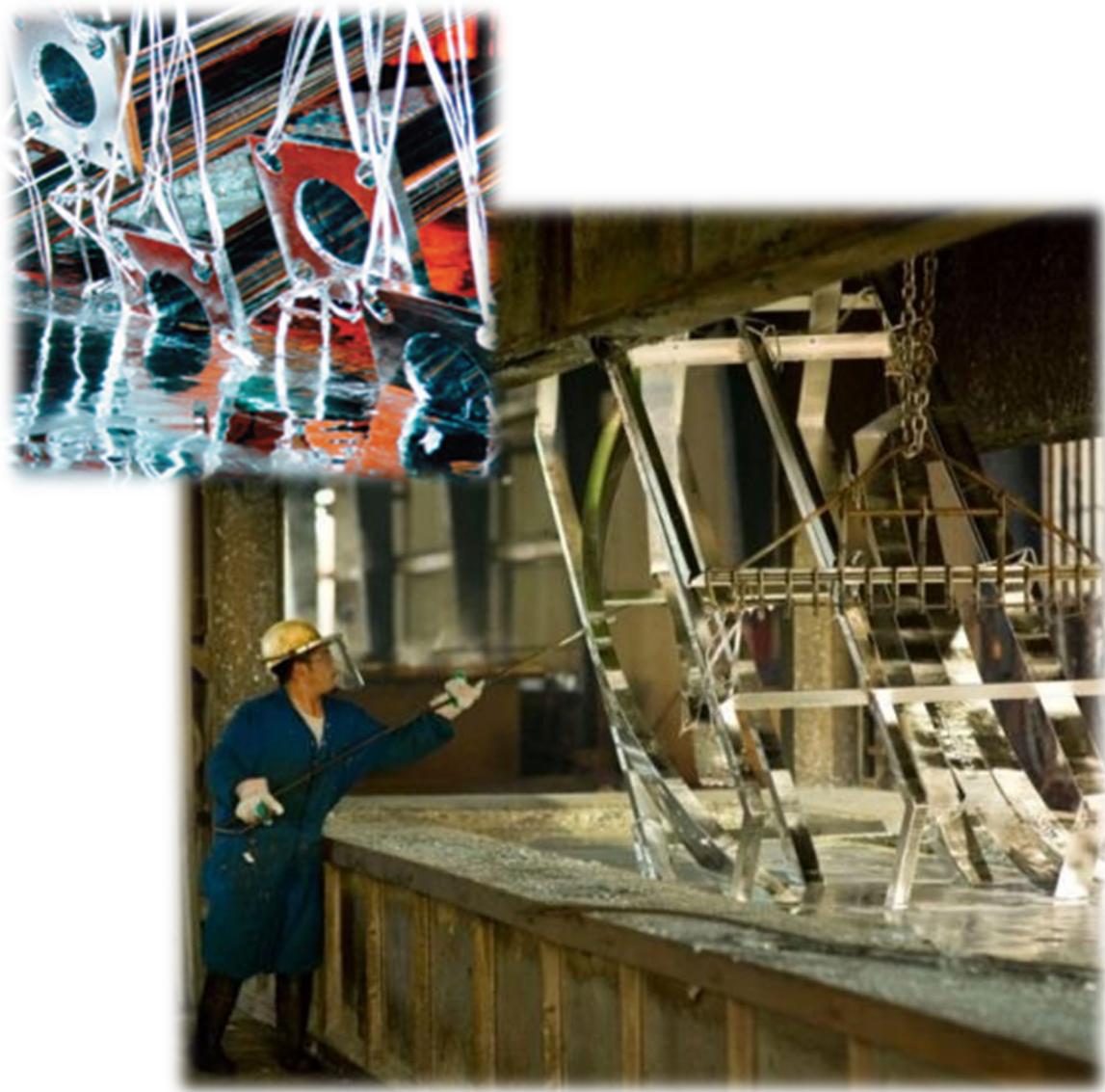


Hot-Dip GALVANIZING

HOT-DIP GALVANIZING PROCESS OVERVIEW



GALVANIZING



- ▶ Steel immersed in bath (kettle) of molten zinc (~830 F)
- ▶ Bath chemistry >98% pure zinc
 - ▶ Up to 2% additives (Al, Bi, Ni)
- ▶ Molten zinc reacts with iron in steel to form metallurgically-bonded coating
- ▶ Reaction is complete when steel reaches bath temperature



INSPECTION

- ▶ Steel inspected after galvanizing to verify conformance to specs
- ▶ Visual inspection with naked eye
- ▶ Coating thickness checked by magnetic thickness gauge
- ▶ Download free Inspection App for clear visual guide to surface conditions
 - ▶ galvanizeit.org/mobile

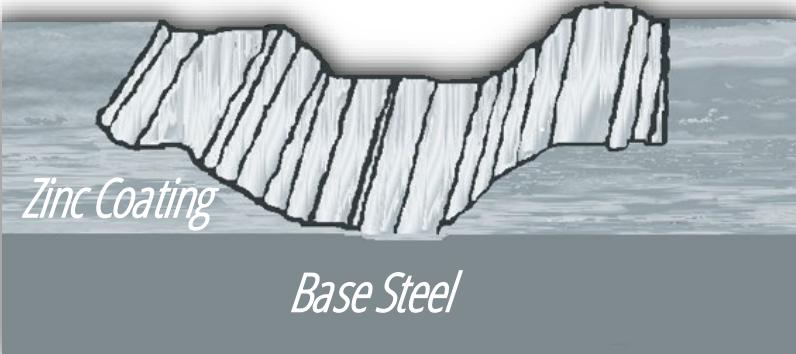




WHY SPECIFY Hot-DIP GALVANIZING?

LONG LASTING CORROSION PROTECTION

Zinc is anodic to steel and will sacrificially corrode to protect the underlying steel until all the surrounding zinc is consumed



Barrier protection resists corrosion by isolating steel from the environment



Barrier Protection



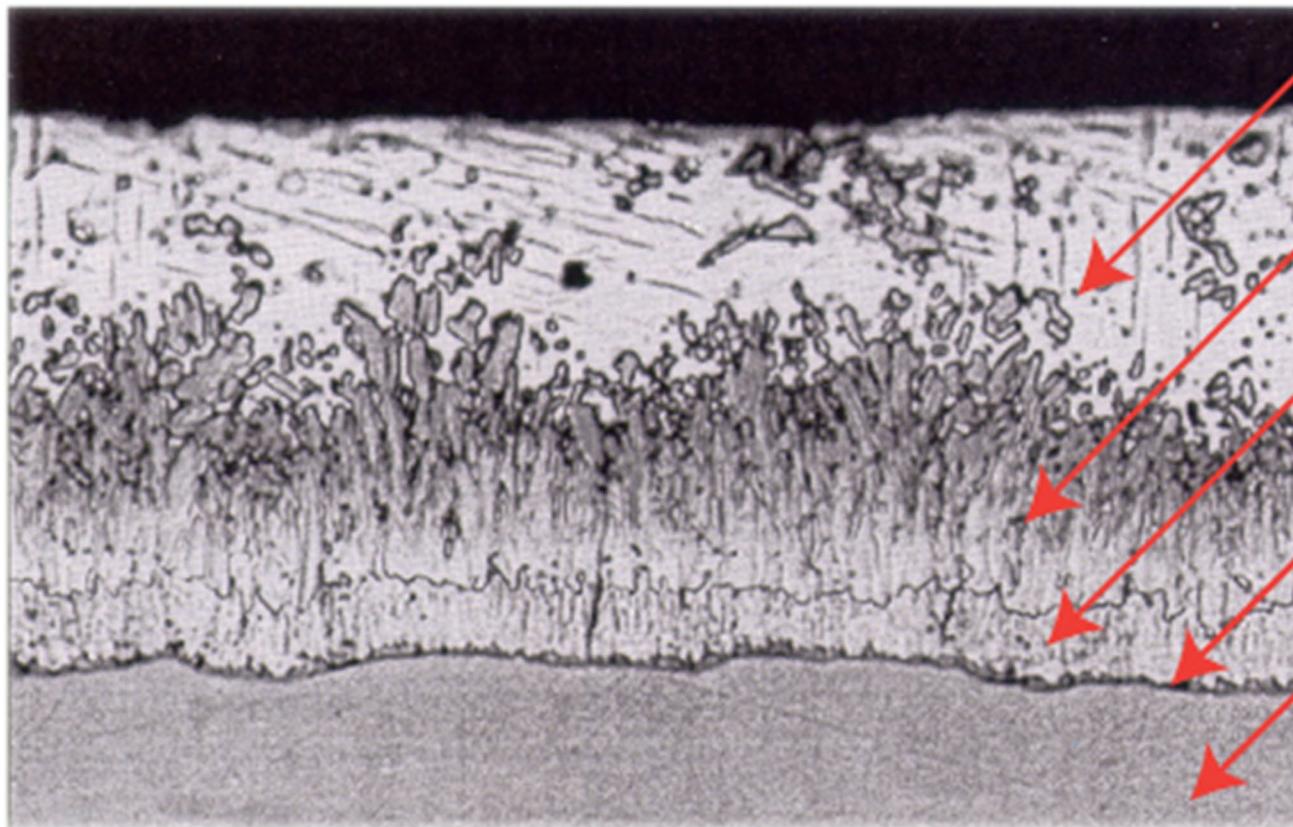
Zinc Patina

Cathodic Protection

Zinc patina develops naturally as the hot-dip galvanized coating weathers slowing the overall corrosion rate



DURABILITY: ABRASION RESISTANCE



Eta
(100% Zn)
70 DPN Hardness

Zeta
(94% Zn 6% Fe)
179 DPN Hardness

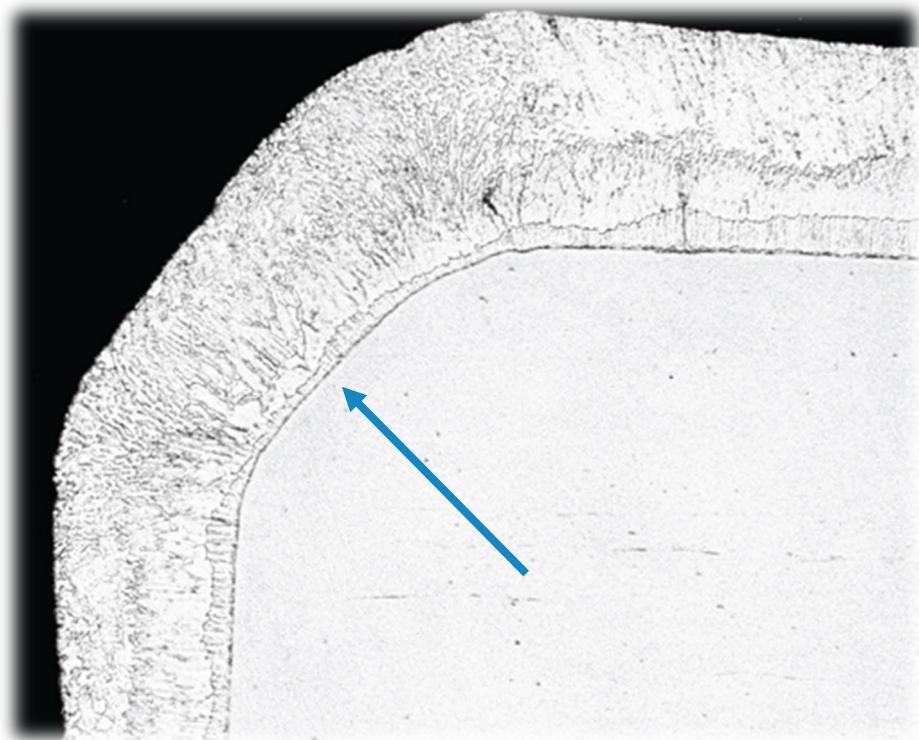
Delta
(90% Zn 10% Fe)
244 DPN Hardness

Gamma
(75% Zn 25%Fe)
250 DPN Hardness

Base Steel
(100% Fe)
159 DPN Hardness

- ▷ Bond strength: 3,600 psi
- ▷ Metallurgical bond
- ▷ Intermetallic (Zn-Fe) layers
- ▷ Harder than base steel

DURABILITY: UNIFORM PROTECTION, COMPLETE COVERAGE

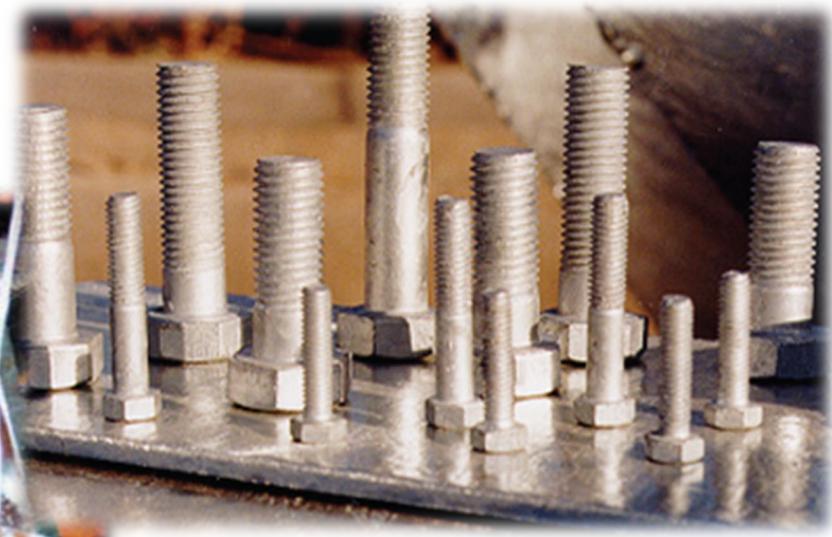


Same thickness at edge/corner
coating grows perpendicular to the surface

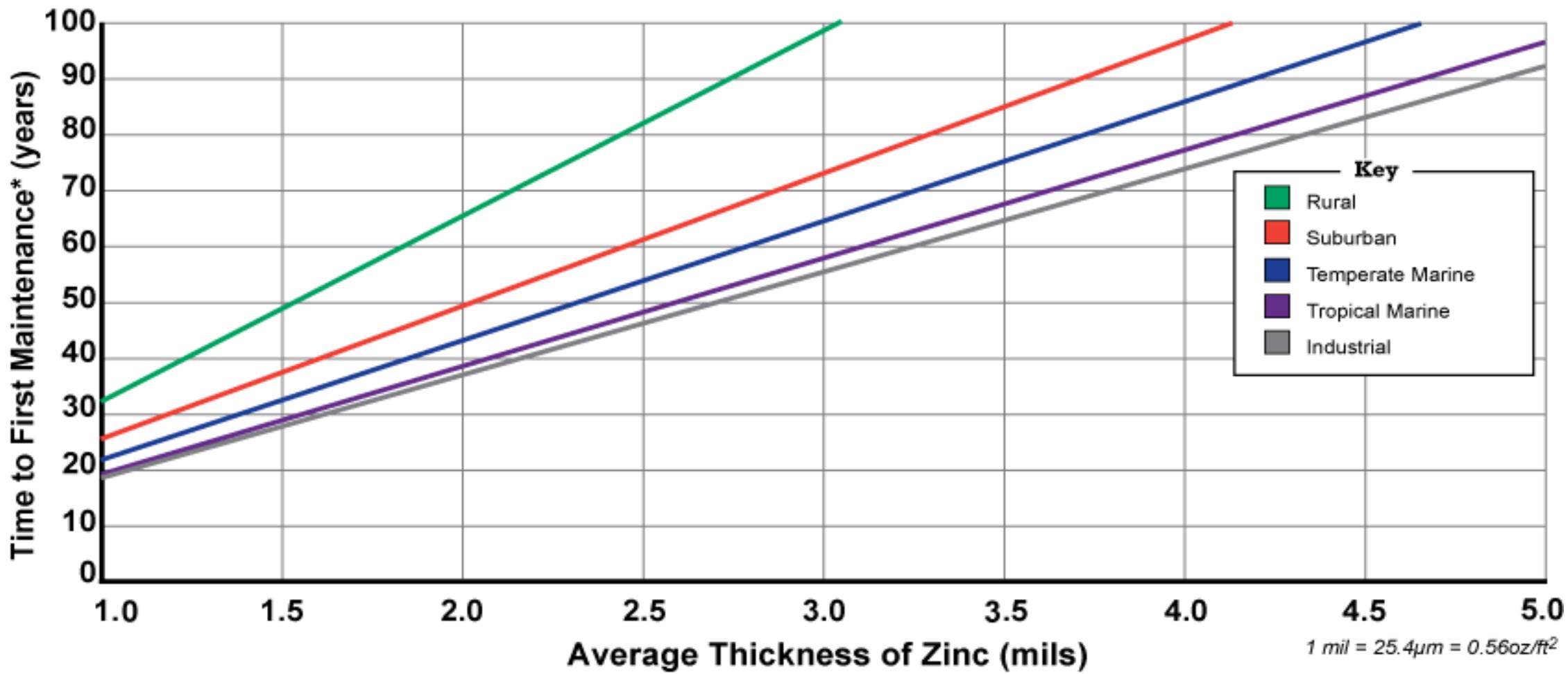
Interior coverage



Fully-coated threads



TIME TO FIRST MAINTENANCE

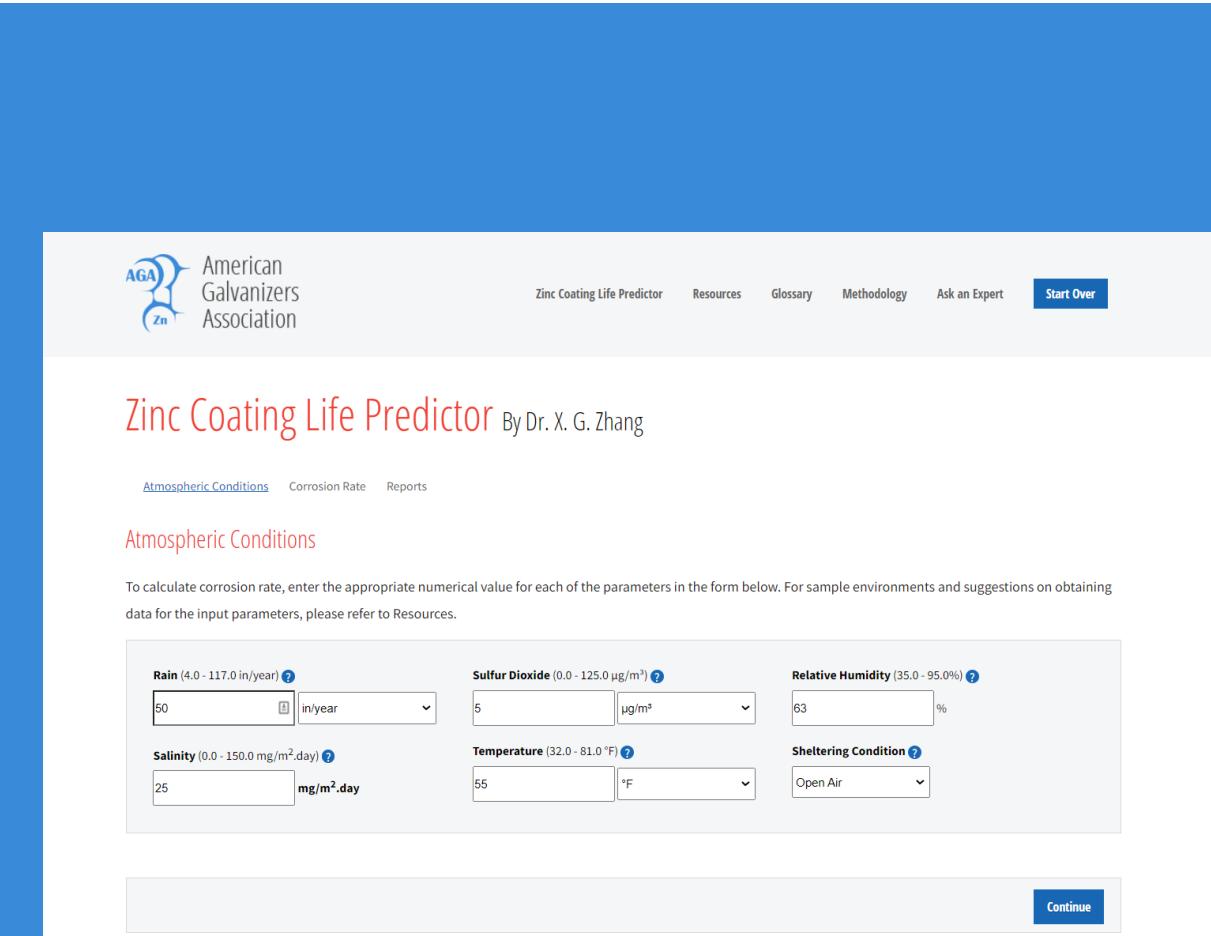


*Time to first maintenance is defined as the time to 5% rusting of the steel surface.

ZINC COATING LIFE PREDICTOR

ZCLP.galvanizeit.org

- ▶ Estimate the corrosion rate of zinc (galvanized) in various environments
 - ▶ Statistical Methods
 - ▶ Neural Network Technology
 - ▶ Extensive Worldwide Corrosion Database
- ▶ Users Guide w/ Links to Collect Local Data
 - ▶ <https://galvanizeit.org/knowledgebase/article/the-zinc-coating-life-predictor>
- ▶ Used to develop our Time-to-First Maintenance Chart



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Zinc Coating Life Predictor. At the top, the American Galvanizers Association (AGA) logo and the text "American Galvanizers Association" are visible, along with a navigation bar with links to "Zinc Coating Life Predictor", "Resources", "Glossary", "Methodology", "Ask an Expert", and a "Start Over" button. The main title "Zinc Coating Life Predictor" is in red, followed by "By Dr. X. G. Zhang". Below the title, there are links for "Atmospheric Conditions", "Corrosion Rate", and "Reports". A section titled "Atmospheric Conditions" contains instructions: "To calculate corrosion rate, enter the appropriate numerical value for each of the parameters in the form below. For sample environments and suggestions on obtaining data for the input parameters, please refer to Resources." There are six input fields arranged in a 2x3 grid: Rain (4.0 - 117.0 in/year) with value 50, Sulfur Dioxide (0.0 - 125.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) with value 5, Relative Humidity (35.0 - 95.0%) with value 63; Salinity (0.0 - 150.0 $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2\text{ day}$) with value 25, Temperature (32.0 - 81.0 °F) with value 55, and Sheltering Condition (Open Air) with value Open Air. A "Continue" button is located at the bottom right of the form area.



HDG DESIGN & SPECIFICATION

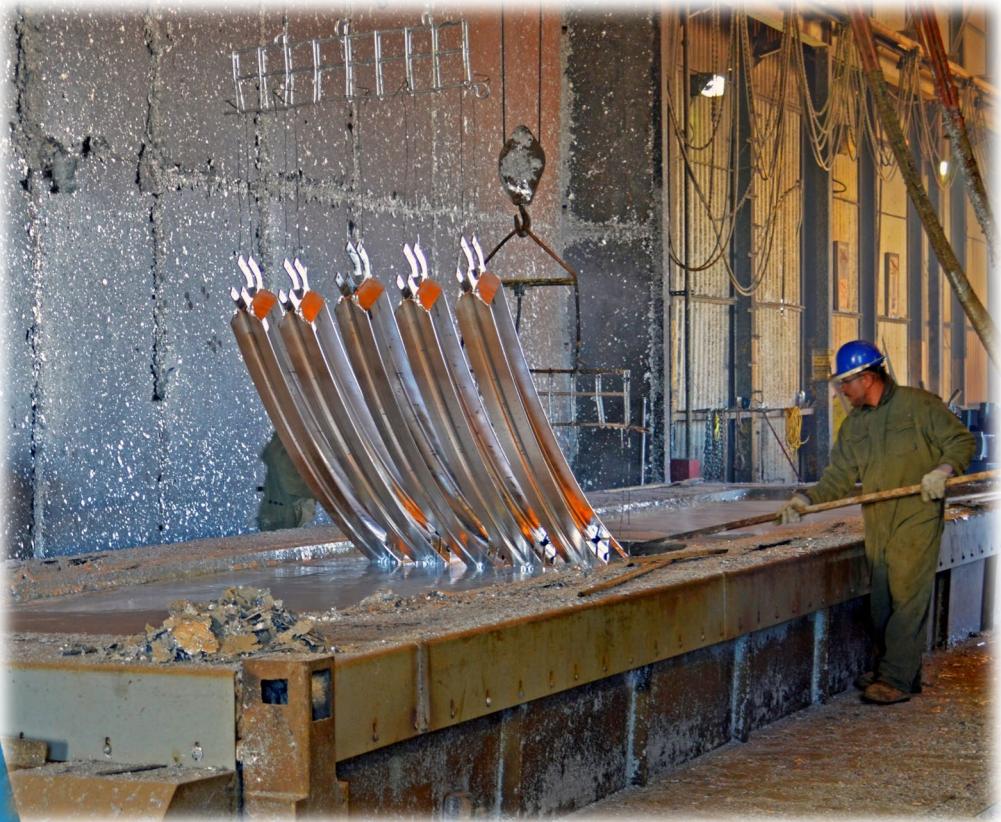
MAIN (GALVANIZER) SPECS

- ▶ Requirements for coating thickness, finish/appearance, and adherence
- ▶ ASTM A123
 - ▶ General iron/steel products
- ▶ ASTM A153
 - ▶ Fasteners/small parts centrifuged or spun
- ▶ ASTM A767
 - ▶ Reinforcing steel (rebar)
 - ▶ Also has bend diameters

DESIGN SUPPORTING SPECS

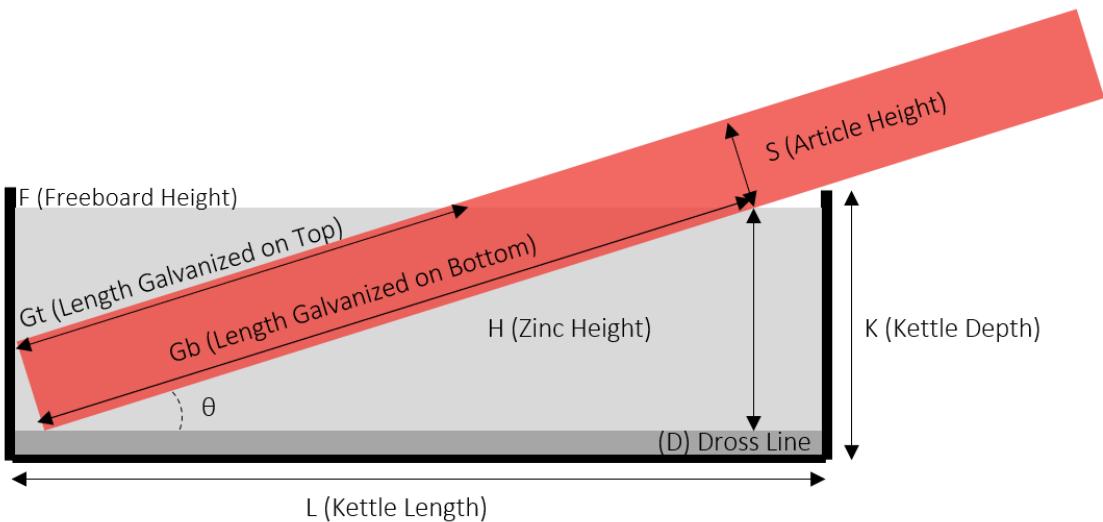
- ▶ Pre-Design Specs
 - ▶ ASTM A143 – embrittlement
 - ▶ ASTM A384 – minimizing warpage/distortion
 - ▶ ASTM A385 – high quality coatings
 - ▶ ASTM A1068 – life-cycle cost analysis
- ▶ Post Galvanizing Specs
 - ▶ ASTM A780 – touch-up/repair
 - ▶ ASTM D6386 – preparing HDG surface for painting
 - ▶ ASTM D7803 – preparing HDG surface for powder coating

SIZE & SHAPE



- ▶ Variety of sizes/shapes
 - ▶ Average kettle is 40 feet
 - ▶ Many kettles 50-60 feet
 - ▶ Weight can also be an important factor
- ▶ Overhead hoists/cranes move the steel
 - ▶ Chains, wires, racking systems, or perforated baskets hold materials
 - ▶ Lifting points where possible
- ▶ Design large structures in modules or sub-units and connect after HDG
- ▶ Progressive dipping for oversized pieces

PROGRESSIVE DIPPING



- ▶ Depends on:
 - ▶ Kettle dimensions
 - ▶ Part dimensions
 - ▶ Material handling capabilities (layout, cranes)

- ▶ Managing Expectations:
 - ▶ Overlap line appearance and roughness
 - ▶ Uneven heating
 - ▶ Increased susceptibility to warpage

AGA RESOURCES FOR PROGRESSIVE DIPPING

Search Results:

Address/Zip State/Province Company Name

Search Locations by Address/Zip

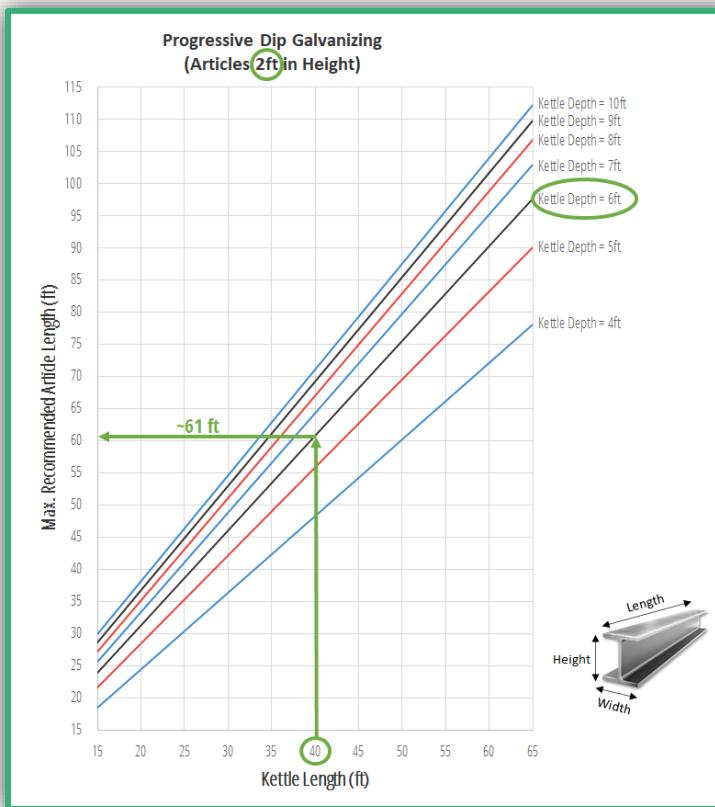
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This listing only shows the dimensions of the galvanizer's kettle (bath), and does not indicate the maximum material size that can be galvanized. Please contact the galvanizer for more information on capacity limits.

Galvanizers:

Length: 10-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55+
Filter by: Width: 0-4 5-7 8+
Depth: 0-5 6-7 8-9 10+
Valmont Coatings - United Galvanizing
6123 Cunningham Rd Houston, TX 77041 United States
Phone: (713) 466-4161 Website
Kettle(s) (L x W x D): 61' x 7'3" x 7'3"
42' x 5' x 6'
View Portfolio
AZZ Galvanizing - Houston West
9103 fairbanks, N. Houston Houston, TX 77064
Phone: (832) 467-3772 Website
Kettle(s) (L x W x D): 62' x 8' x 10'

Galvanizer Locator
(sort by Kettle Size)



Progressive Dip Charts

Progressive Dip Calculator

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USER INPUTS

Enter Kettle Dimensions:
K (Kettle Depth) 72 inches
L (Kettle Length) 600 inches
W (Kettle Width) 60 inches

Enter Article Dimensions:
(S) Height 34 inches
Length 780 inches
Width 16 inches

Enter Properties of Zinc Height:
Dross Line Height 8 inches
Freeboard Height 4 inches
If unknown: use dross height = 8 in. and freeboard = 4 in.

Allowable Angles in the Bath:
θ minimum 6.1 °
θ maximum 6.3 °

Article Orientation: Can This Article be Fully Galvanized? YES

Dip Method: Progressive Dip

G (Freeboard Height)
Gt (Length Galvanized on Top) = 245in
Gb (Length Galvanized on Bottom) = 562in
H (Zinc Height) = 60in
K (Kettle Depth) = 72in
D (Dross Line)
L (Kettle Length) = 600in
Gt (Length Galvanized on Top) OVERLAP LINE Gb (Length Galvanized on Bottom)
Gt + Gb (Max. Progressive Dip Length) = 807.1in

Progressive Dip Calculator



SUSTAINABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Natural, Abundant Materials
 - ▶ Essential to life
 - ▶ Iron Ore 4th
 - ▶ Zinc 24th
- ▶ Infinitely Renewable Resources
 - ▶ Both are 100% recyclable
 - ▶ Multi-cycled without loss of properties
 - ▶ High reclamation rates
 - ▶ Steel most recycled material in world, virtually 100%
 - ▶ Zinc = 80%
- ▶ Maintenance-free longevity





**WEATHERING
STEEL**

WHAT IS WEATHERING STEEL?

From ASTM A709 - 2018

Grade	Yield Strength (ksi)
36	36
50	50
50S	50
50W	50
HPS 50W	50
HPS 70W	70
HPS 100W	100
50CR	50
QST 50	50
QST 50S	50
QST 65	65
QST 70	70

Grade designations ending in "W"
are weathering grades

- ▶ A corrosion resistant steel that initially corrodes to form a protective patina
 - ▶ Originally developed as a high-strength steel
 - ▶ Later realized benefits of copper additive to weathering
- ▶ Corrosion products form a stable layer adhered to the steel
 - ▶ Known as the rust patina
 - ▶ Limits further oxidation
- ▶ Also known as COR-TEN Steel

WEATHERING STEEL SPECIFICATIONS

- ▶ ASTM A242 (COR-TEN A) – high strength structural steel – non-load bearing
- ▶ ASTM A588 (COR-TEN B) – high strength structural steel – load bearing
- ▶ ASTM A606 – High strength sheet and strip, Hot-Rolled, Cold-Rolled
- ▶ ASTM A847 – High strength Cold-Formed Welded and Seamless Structural Tubing



Source: FHWA

ADVANTAGES OF UTILIZING WEATHERING STEEL



Well formed “patina” has a dark-chocolate, almost purple hue. Fine pinholes too.

- ▶ Often perceived as the lowest cost steel option
- ▶ Construction Speed
- ▶ Design considerations
 - ▶ Atmospheric exposure
 - ▶ Limit time of wetness and details that trap moisture
 - ▶ Minimize joints
- ▶ NSBA Uncoated Weathering Steel Reference Guide
 - ▶ <https://www.aisc.org/nsba/design-resources/uncoated-weathering-steel-reference-guide/>

PROTECTIVE COATINGS



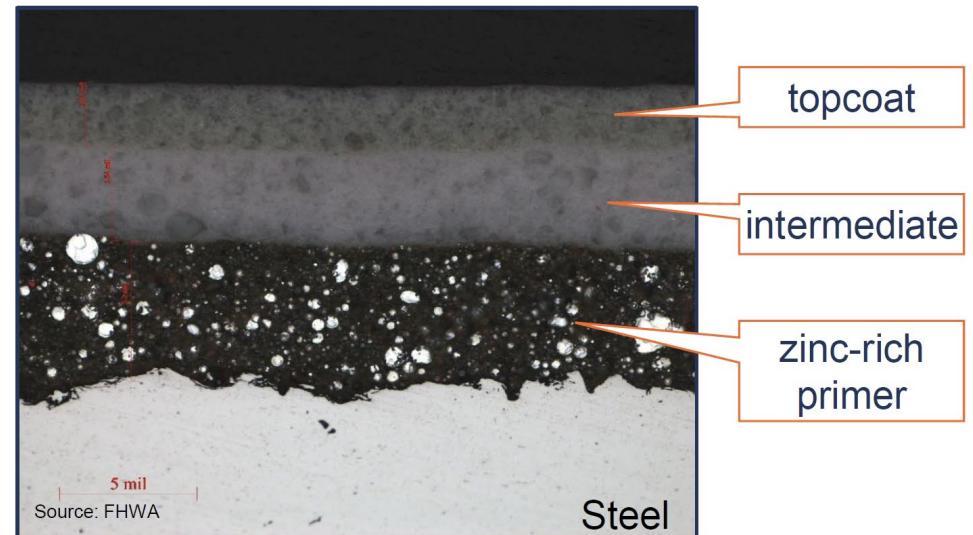
WHAT ARE PROTECTIVE COATINGS



- ▶ Multi-Coat paint layer systems with primary purpose of corrosion protection
- ▶ Secondary purpose of aesthetic color selection
- ▶ Common Coating Systems:
 - ▶ Traditional 3-Coat Systems
 - ▶ Inorganic zinc rich paint top coated with epoxy/polyurethane paint
 - ▶ High Performance 2-Coat System
 - ▶ Multi-Coat Epoxy Paint or Polyurethane
 - ▶ Single Coat Zinc Rich System
- ▶ Compliance for Class B Slip Critical Connection Requirements
- ▶ Volume 19 of the NSBA Steel Bridge Design Handbook
 - ▶ <https://www.aisc.org/nsba/design-and-estimation-resources/steel-bridge-design-handbook/>

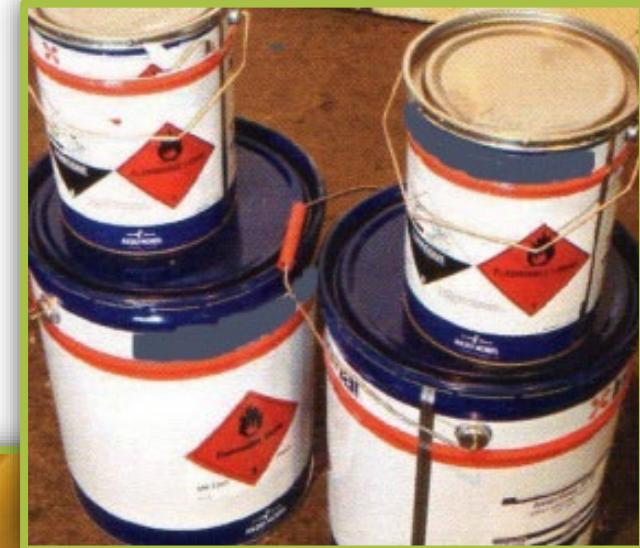
PROTECTIVE COATING SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

- ▶ Surface Prep: NACE/SSPC (AMPP)
- ▶ Application:
 - ▶ SSPC Paint Guide Specifications
 - ▶ Manufacturer Product Data Sheet (PDS)
- ▶ SSPC-PA 2 Procedure For Determining Conformance To Dry Coating Thickness Requirements
- ▶ Salt Spray Testing: ASTM B117



ADVANTAGES OF PROTECTIVE COATING SYSTEMS

- ▶ Initial Cost
- ▶ Paint has Been used a Long Time
- ▶ In Shop or In Field Application
- ▶ No Size Limit
- ▶ Aesthetics
- ▶ Greater Slip Coefficient





**THERMAL
SPRAY ZINC
(TSZ) AKA
“METALLIZING”**

WHAT IS THERMAL SPRAY ZINC (TSZ) / METALLIZING



- ▶ Zinc coating applied by melting zinc powder or wire in a flame/electric arc
 - ▶ Projecting the liquid zinc droplets onto to surface
- ▶ Thermal Spray Metallizing
 - ▶ Selection of alloy
 - ▶ 100% Zinc
 - ▶ 85/15% Zinc/Aluminum
 - ▶ Recommended to be seal coated
 - ▶ Meets Class B Slip Critical Connection Requirements
- ▶ Complementary to HDG
 - ▶ Items too big for HDG can be metallized for use of both coatings in tandem

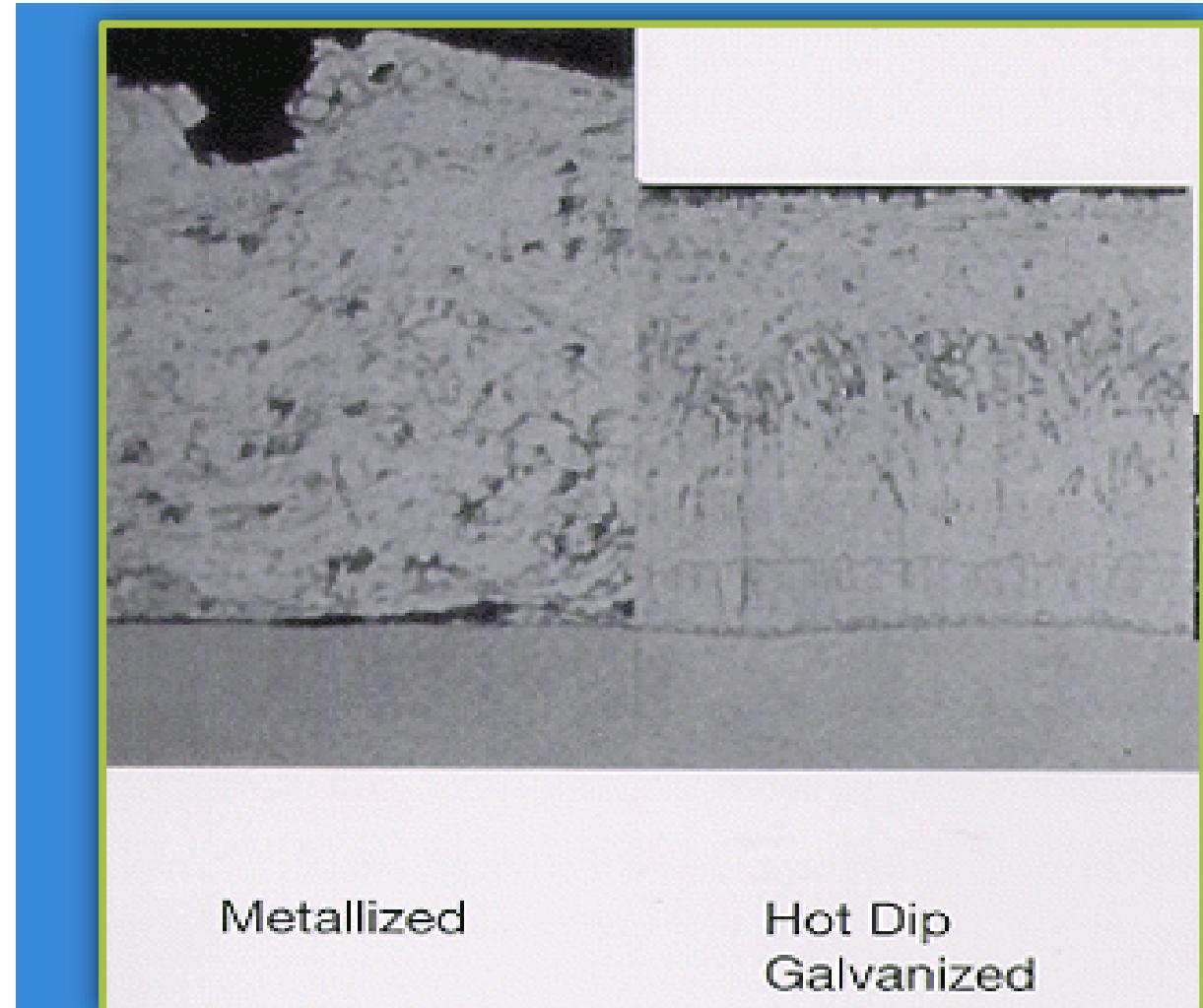
TSZ/METALLIZING SPECIFICATIONS

- ▶ NACE No. 12/AWS C2.23M/SSPC-CS 23.00
 - ▶ *Specification for the Application of Thermal Spray Coatings (Metallizing) of Aluminum, Zinc, and Their Alloys and Composites for the Corrosion Protection of Steel*
- ▶ AWS C2.2
 - ▶ *Recommended Practices for Metallizing with Aluminum and Zinc for Protection of Iron and Steel*
- ▶ AASHTO/NSBA S8.2
 - ▶ *Specification for the Application of Thermal Spray Coatings to Steel Bridges*



ADVANTAGES OF UTILIZING TSZ/METALLIZING

- ▶ Thickness
- ▶ Compatibility with other Zinc Coatings
- ▶ Size Range
- ▶ Sustainability



Metallized

Hot Dip
Galvanized

GOOD METALLIZING APPLICATIONS



- ▶ Use in Tandem with HDG
 - ▶ Used TSZ for members too large to HDG
- ▶ Designs Susceptible to Distortion/Warpage or Embrittlement
- ▶ Project Requiring on-site Application
- ▶ Extending the Life of Existing Zinc Coated Structures
- ▶ <https://thermalsprayzinc.zinc.org/>



**DUPLEX SYSTEMS:
HDG/METALLIZING
+ PAINT/POWDER**

WHY COAT GALVANIZED/TSZ STEEL?



- ▶ Aesthetics
 - ▶ Branding/Architect preference
- ▶ Identification
 - ▶ Safety
- ▶ Hostile Environment
- ▶ Repair/Extend life of existing HDG
- ▶ Synergistic Effect
- ▶ Economic benefit

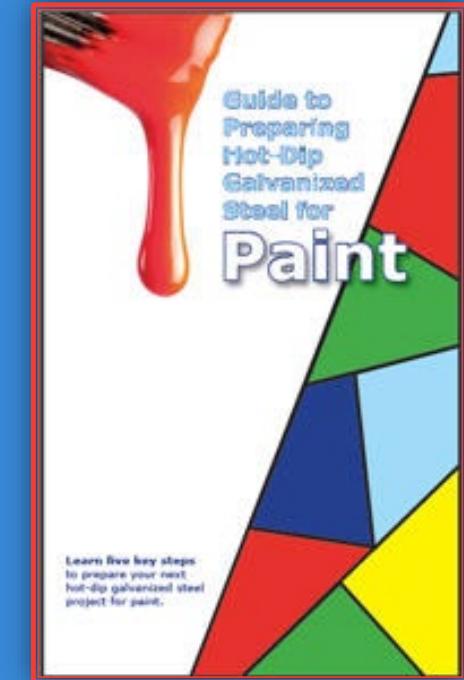
SYNERGISTIC EFFECT



- ▶ Paint/Powder provides barrier protection to HDG coating
- ▶ HDG “primer” eliminates underfilm corrosion and paint peeling
- ▶ Paint/powder + galvanizing provide 1.5x-2.5x sum of systems alone
 - ▶ 70 years (HDG life) + 12 years (paint life)
= 123-205 years (duplex life)
- ▶ Extends maintenance cycle 1.5x-2.0x of black steel

PERTINENT SPECIFICATIONS

- ▶ **ASTM D6386:** Surface Prep for painting based on identified initial HDG surface condition
 - ▶ Smooth, clean, profile
- ▶ **ASTM D7803:** Surface Prep for powder coating based on identified initial HDG surface condition
 - ▶ Smooth, clean, profile
 - ▶ Thermal treatment to reduce outgassing
- ▶ **SSPC SP16:** Brush-Off Blast Cleaning for HDG Steel
- ▶ **SSPC Guide 19:** Selecting Coatings for use over HDG



AGA has instructional DVDs and guide booklets that cover prep for paint (D6386) and powder coating (D7803) over HDG

IDENTIFYING SURFACE CONDITION

- ▶ HDG goes through passivation/weathering cycle as patina develops
- ▶ Identifying surface condition is important
- ▶ Preparation steps based on surface condition

▶ Newly Galvanized

- ▶ Typically 24-48 hours
- ▶ Little or no oxide formation
- ▶ Avoid post treatments (quenching)
- ▶ Zinc phosphate treatment acceptable

▶ Partially Weathered

- ▶ Typically 48 hours – 12 months
- ▶ Zinc oxide/zinc hydroxide on surface
- ▶ Potentially contaminated with organic compounds (dirt, oils)
- ▶ Surface post-treatment unknown

▶ Fully Weathered

- ▶ Typically >12 months
- ▶ Zinc carbonate on surface
- ▶ Potentially contaminated with organic compounds (dirt, oils)
- ▶ Surface treatments are gone

COMPARISON OF BRIDGE CORROSION PROTECTION SYSTEMS



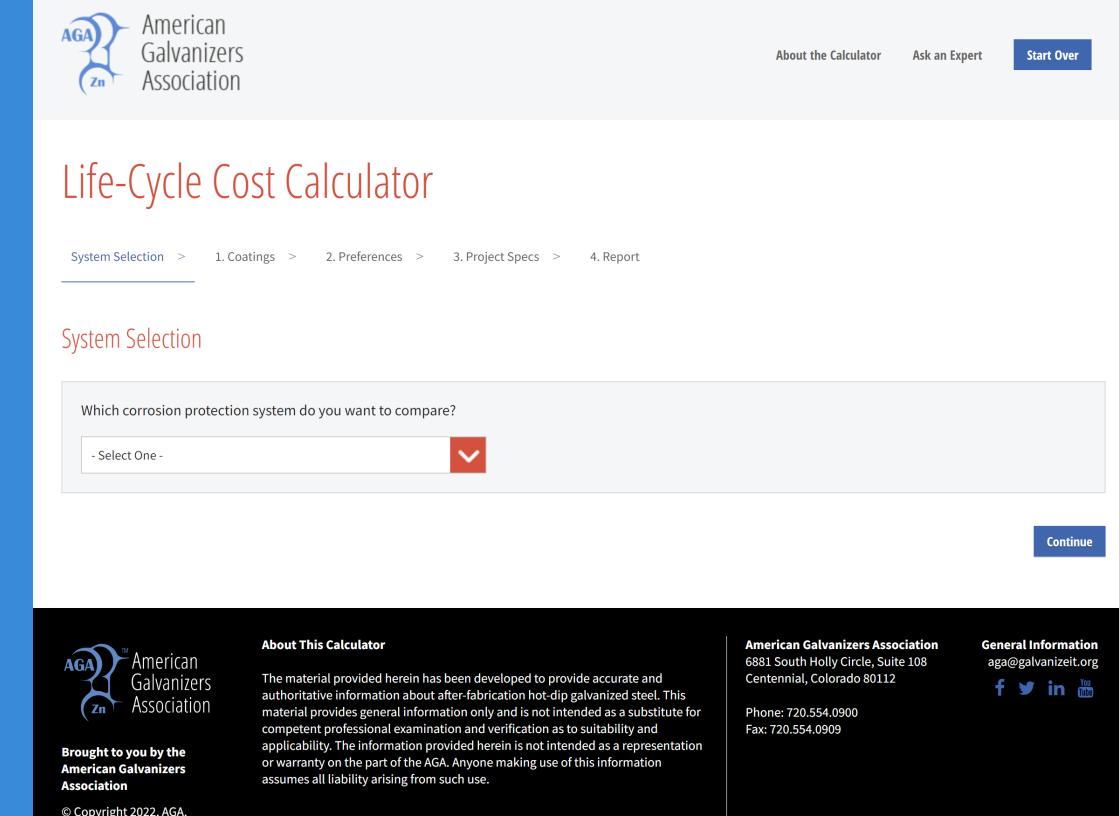
CORROSION PROTECTION SYSTEM ECONOMICS



- ▶ Initial Cost Benefits
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- ▶ Life-Cycle Cost Savings
 - ▶ Total cost throughout project life
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- ▶ Life-Cycle Cost Calculator to ASTM A1068
 - ▶ Automated at lccc.galvanizeit.org

LIFE-CYCLE COST CALCULATOR

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Life-Cycle Cost Calculator. At the top, the American Galvanizers Association (AGA) logo is displayed, followed by the text "American Galvanizers Association". To the right are links for "About the Calculator", "Ask an Expert", and a blue "Start Over" button. Below this, the title "Life-Cycle Cost Calculator" is centered in red. A navigation bar below the title shows steps: "System Selection > 1. Coatings > 2. Preferences > 3. Project Specs > 4. Report". The main content area is titled "System Selection" in red. It contains a sub-section titled "Which corrosion protection system do you want to compare?" with a dropdown menu labeled "- Select One -". A "Continue" button is located at the bottom right of this section. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the AGA logo, the text "Brought to you by the American Galvanizers Association", the copyright notice "© Copyright 2022, AGA.", an "About This Calculator" section with a detailed description of the material's purpose and disclaimer, and contact information for the American Galvanizers Association, including an email address (aga@galvanizeit.org), phone number (720.554.0900), and fax number (720.554.0909). Social media links for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube are also present.

Reference Link: <https://lccc.galvanizeit.org/>

LCCC: INPUTS

PROJECT SIZE
Enter amount of steel to be coated.

ft² tons

EXPECTED LIFE-SPAN
Amount of time before this structure is no longer maintained or in use.

Years

STRUCTURE TYPE
Specify the size and/or complexity of the structure.

- Select One - 

MEMBER TYPE
Select the project's structural makeup.

Typical mix size/shapes
250 ft² / ton

Large Structural
100 ft² / ton

Medium Structural
200 ft² / ton

Light Structural
400 ft² / ton

Light Trusses
500 ft² / ton

SERVICE LIFE ENVIRONMENT
Select the environment that represents your project's location.

Rural
Mild/Low Corrosion (C2)

Industrial
Moderate/Medium Corrosion (C3)

Heavy Industrial
Severe/Very High Atmospheric Corrosion (C5-I)

Seacoast
Very high Atmospheric Corrosion (C5-M)

LCCC: REPORT

Life-Cycle Cost Calculator

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Cost-Comparison Report 

Review and customize before printing

Cost-Comparison Report

The cost of galvanizing vs. a paint system

Cost Comparison

HDG vs. IOZ/Epoxy/Polyurethane

	HDG	Paint System
Initial Cost	\$2.16 Per ft ² Total \$108,000.00	\$4.98 \$249,050.00
Life-Cycle Cost	\$2.16 Per ft ² Total \$108,000.00	\$31.39 \$1,569,500.00
AEAC	\$0.07 Per ft ²	\$1.08

For this project... **HDG Life-Cycle Cost Savings: 93%**

DETAILED COST COMPARISON
HDG vs. IOZ/Epoxy/Polyurethane

Cost Of Galvanizing	Today's Cost	Net Future Value	Net Present Value
Original Galvanizing	\$2.16	\$2.16	\$2.16
Total Price / ft²	\$2.16	\$2.16	\$2.16

Cost Of Paint System	Today's Cost	Net Future Value	Net Present Value
Original Painting	\$4.98	\$4.98	\$4.98
Touch-Up - Year 21	\$2.49	\$5.68	\$3.05
Maint. Repaint - Year 31	\$4.48	\$15.42	\$6.08
Full Repaint - Year 42	\$4.47	\$43.97	\$12.71
Touch-Up - Year 63	\$2.49	\$29.47	\$4.58
Total Price / ft²	\$22.91	\$99.52	\$31.39

PRINT PREVIEW

CUSTOMIZE REPORT

Project Name

Subtitle

Your Company's Name

Address

City, State & Zip

Your Name

Title

Tel

Email

Update

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Transportation Research Board Meetings
 - ▶ Jan 2022 – Washington, DC
- ▶ “Modern Corrosion Protection Systems”
 - ▶ Steel Bridge Corrosion Resistant Steels and Coatings Workshop
 - ▶ Justin Ocel, Ph.D, P.E.
 - ▶ Senior Structural Engineer
 - ▶ Office of Innovation Implementation

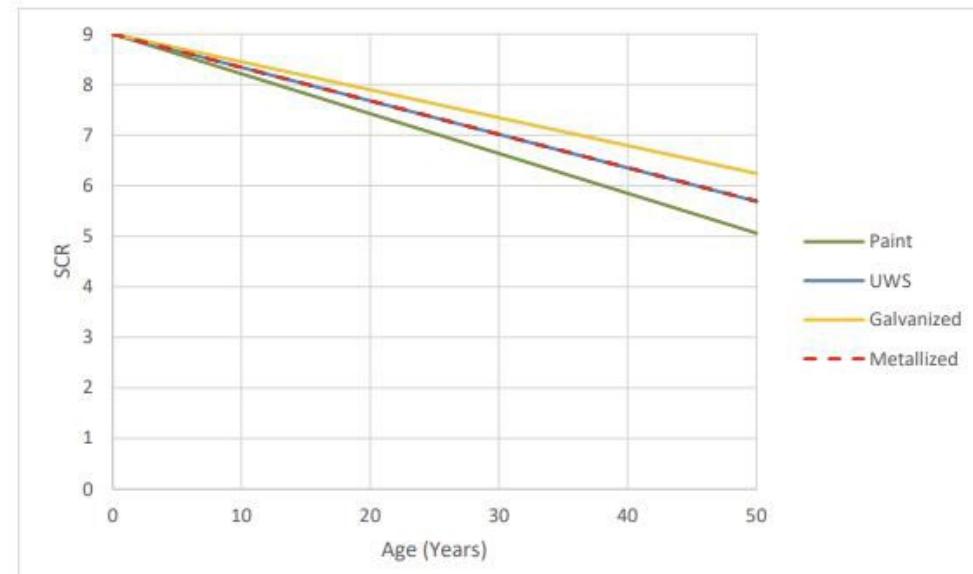
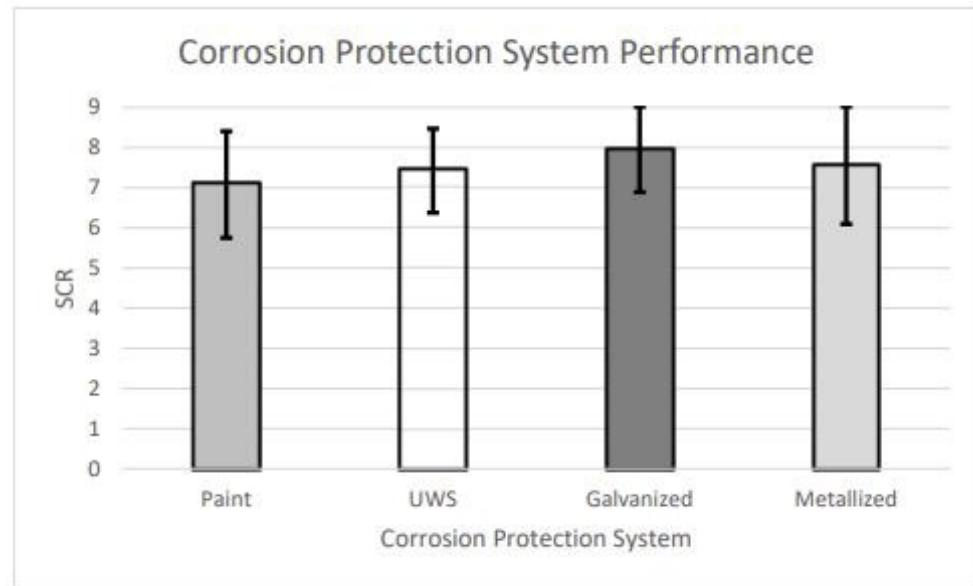
Time (years) for 5-10% Coating Breakdown¹

Coating System	Mild (rural)	Moderate (industrial)	Severe (industrial)	Severe (marine)
3-coat (OZ / E / U)	27	18	12	12
3-coat (IOZ / E / U)	30	21	15	15
2-coat (OZ / Polyaspartic)	24	17	12	12
1-coat IOZ	27	17	12	12
TSC Zn	33	22	16	16
Hot-Dip Galv. (4 mil)	100	90	72	72
UWS	-	-	-	-

¹Helsel, J. L., Reina, M., Lanterman, R. (2014). “Expected Service Life and Cost Considerations for Maintenance and New Construction Protective Coating Work.” Paper No. 4088. CORROSION March 9-13. NACE International

DURABILITY OF STEEL BRIDGE CORROSION PROTECTION SYSTEMS STUDY

- ▶ Principal Investigator
 - ▶ Jennifer McConnell, Ph.D. (University of Delaware)
- ▶ Submitted to American Institute of Steel Construction – April 21, 2022
 - ▶ [Link to full report](#)
- ▶ Two Evaluation Methods
 - ▶ Statistical Analysis of Existing Long-Term Performance Data of Corrosion Protection Systems
 - ▶ National Bridge Inventory (NBI)
 - ▶ Accelerated Corrosion Testing
- ▶ Results
 - ▶ HDG Highest Average SCR in Existing LTPD



STEEL BRIDGE MAINTENANCE



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► Coating Selection

- Single coat overcoat
- Multicoat system
- Traditional 3-coat system
- High performance 2-coat system
- Single coat zinc rich system
- Thermal Spray Zinc (TSZ)

► Overcoating

- Spot paint
- Zone paint
- Full overcoat

► Blast and Repaint

- Surface preparation

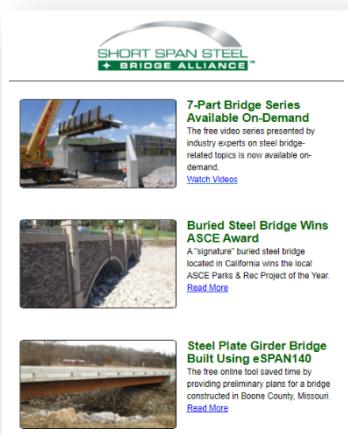
AMPP SP10 vs AMPP SP6

BRIDGE WASHING

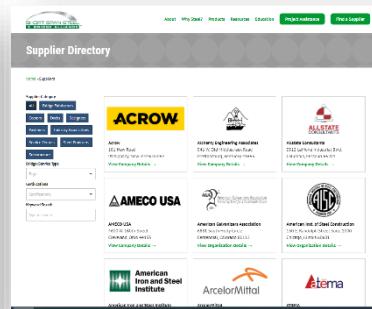
- ▶ Cleaning: removal of debris and/or contaminants
- ▶ State of practice:
 - ▶ A standard maintenance practice
 - ▶ Need and benefit is generally unquestioned
- ▶ Best practices (quantitative and qualitative) described by The User's Guide to Bridge Cleaning (AASHTO TSP2 Pocket Guide)
- ▶ Removes debris and/or contaminants
 - ▶ That trap moisture
 - ▶ Chlorides
- ▶ Literature supports that washing effectively removes up to 95% of surface chlorides (Allard et al.)
- ▶ Chlorides + steel = rust
- ▶ Literature supports reduced life-cycle cost
- ▶ Longer service lives

5 WAYS TO KEEP LEARNING ABOUT STEEL BRIDGES

1. Subscribe to the Weekly Newsletter



2. Find a Supplier



3. Design a Bridge in 5-Minutes



4. Receive Free Project Assistance



5. Schedule a Workshop/Webinar



Free Customized Workshops for Counties, DOTs, and Design Firms

Topics: Education, Events, Professional, Recommended

Short span bridges provide vital links in the nation's infrastructure network. Yet, nearly a quarter of these bridges are classified as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

According to ASCE, more than 50% of existing bridges have exceeded their 50-year design life. This situation presents a significant challenge for cash-strapped state and local governments.

The SSSBA has developed technological and design innovations for bridges under 140 feet that save significant time and costs for county and state bridge officials.

Over the past 10+ years, over 17,000 bridge owners and designers have learned about the cost and time advantages of short span steel bridges in SSSBA workshops and conferences throughout North America.

And now, the SSSBA is offering complimentary customized educational guest speakers/webinars and workshops (on-site or virtual) specifically for county engineers, state DOTs, and design firms. The webinars/workshops are taught by industry experts with decades of experience in the cost-effective design and construction of short span bridges.

The workshops can be set up as:

- 1-2 hour webinar on a specific topic (can be used as a "guest speaker" for your event)
- 3-4 hour (half-day) workshop to provide practical information on the safe and cost-effective design, detail, fabrication and installation of short span steel bridges
- 6 hour (full-day) session to provide an in-depth overview of short span steel bridges.

[View Sample Agenda](#)

Suggested topics to select from include:

- Practical and Cost-Effective Steel Bridge Design
- Free Design Tools (eSPAN140 and SIMON)
- Pre-engineered Bridge Solutions
- Coating Solutions (galvanized, painted, and weathering steel)
- Innovative/Accelerated Bridge Construction Options
- Case Studies (from local counties)
- Buried Soil Steel Bridge Structure Alternatives
- Life-Cycle Analysis

For more information or to customize a workshop for your organization, please contact:

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